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1. DURING MY MEETING APRIL 3 WITH UAE PRESIDENT SHAIKH ZAYID, HE DISCUSSED HIS RECENT VISIT TO BOTH YEMENS DWELLING PARTICULARLY ON HIS VISIT TO ADEN. AFTER DESCRIBING SOME OF PERSONAL DETAILS OF VISIT (PREVIOUSLY COVERED IN REFTEL), ZAYID SAID HE BELIEVED PDRY WAS NOW READY TO MOVE A LONG WAY TO REDUCE ITS DEPENDENCE ON COMMUNIST COUNTRIES. POPULATION IN PDRY WAS HUNGRY, IT WAS FED UP WITH ASSOCIATION WITH RUSSIANS, AND WAS TIRED OF SLOGANS. THERE

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WERE ELEMENTS IN PDRY THAT WERE LOOKING FOR OPENINGS TOWARD THE WEST AND THEY WANTED WESTERN ASSISTANCE AND TECHNOLOGY. HE THOUGH THE UAE COULD SUPPORT WHAT SAUDIS ARE DOING IN BRINGING OUT THOSE ELEMENTS WHO SEE ADVANTAGES TO HAVING CLOSER RELATIONS WITH MODERATE ARAB STATES. TURNING ONE'S BACK TO HUNGRY PEOPLE IN PDRY GAVE THEM NO ALTERNATIVE BUT DESPAIR

AND RADICAL IDEOLOGY. ON OTHER HAND, A SHOW OF INTEREST AND GENEROSITY COULD PAY IMPORTANT FUTURE DIVIDENDS.

2. ZAYID SAID THAT DURING HIS TALKS WITH PDRY FON MIN MUTI'A, LATTER HAD AFFIRMED PDRY'S DESIRE TO RESUME DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS WITH US BUT THAT PDRY WAS WAITING FOR US TO ANSWER. I TOLD ZAYID THAT I WAS UNAWARE OF ANY ANSWER THAT WAS EXPECTED FROM US. WE HAD MADE IT VERY CLEAR IN THE PAST TO PDRY AUTHORITIES THAT IF THEY WISHED RESUME DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS WITH US, THEY COULD EASILY CONVEY THIS FEELING THROUGH THEIR UN MISSION IN NEW YORK. WE HAD NOT SET ANY PRE-CONDITIONS THAT I WAS AWARE OF. ZAYID RESPONDED THAT HE HOPED THERE WOULD BE AN OPPORTUNITY TO SHOW A LITTLE MORE INTEREST. PERHAPS BECAUSE HE HAD JUST MET THE NIGHT BEFORE WITH SOMALI SPECIAL ENVOY UMAR GHALIB ARTAH, ZAYID NOTED THAT THERE WERE RAPIDLY EVOLVING DEVELOPMENTS IN HORN OF AFRICANAND NEW POSITIVE ATTITUDES TOWARD MODERATE ARAB STATES WERE EMERGING IN SOMALIA, ERITREA AND PDRY.
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